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During the week ended April 25 three steamships were dispatched, with an aggregate personnel of 246 members of crews, 135 cabin and 78 steerage passengers. All were fumigated.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

##### *Report from Manila—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 14:

Week ended April 11. Four cases of smallpox were reported.

During the week, consular bills of health were issued as follows:

April 5, the United States army transport *Crook*, with 163 in the crew and with 750 passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed, and their effects and baggage were disinfected. All cargo and effects taken on board were either disinfected or passed after inspection. The vessel was partially disinfected. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing.

April 11, the British steamship *Titan*, with 90 crew, en route from Glasgow to Seattle and Tacoma, was granted a supplemental bill of health, after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

#### ST. LUCIA ISLAND.

##### *Report from Castries—No quarantinable diseases.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Maylie reports, May 11:

Week ended May 9. No quarantinable diseases exist.

#### VENEZUELA.

##### *Report from La Guaira—Plague—Quarantine measures established against port—Smallpox present.*

Consul Moffatt reports, May 7:

From March 1 to date it is conservatively estimated that there have been 80 deaths from bubonic plague in this city.

New cases of those stricken with the disease being taken daily from different sections of the city show that the disease has spread. Quarantine has been rigidly enforced against La Guaira since April 18, on which date the port was closed by an executive decree for a period of fifteen days, since extended to be in effect until there shall have been no cases reported for eight days.

There has been no opportunity to forward mail since April 18, no outgoing mails being permitted.

The commercial houses are virtually closed to business. The grocery and provision shops from which cases have been taken remain closed under Government seal. Many have gone to the surrounding mountains seeking safety.

Smallpox has appeared again, 8 cases having been taken to the hospital shed within the past two days.